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In *Discourses on the First Decade of Titus Livius*, a posthumously published work by the author of *The Prince*, Niccolò Machiavelli discusses the first ten books of Titus Livius's *Ab Urbe Condita Libri*, which cover the expansion of Rome from the legendary monarchy of Romulus to the end of the Third Samnite War. The whole work contains three books divided into 142 numbered chapters, which may be a reference to the fact that Titus Livius's history contained 142 books. In the third book of *Discourses on the First Decade of Titus Livius*, Machiavelli discusses specific actions by various individuals who helped make Rome great.

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